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In re Application of:

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For: METAL LINE HAVING AN
INCREASED RESISTANCE TO
ELECTROMIGRATION ALONG AN
INTERFACE OF A DIELECTRIC
BARRIER LAYER BY IMPLANTING
MATERIAL INTO THE METAL LINE

Examiner: Leonardo Andujar

Group Art Unit: 2826

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 27, 2006**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 27, 2006, for which the one-month date for response is April 27, 2006.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 13-21, *i.e.*, the Group II claims.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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